

# **A Report on**



## **Fiscal Year 2004 Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiian Organizations**

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Heritage Preservation Services  
Tribal Preservation Program**



## **INTRODUCTION**

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 authorizes grants to Indian tribes for cultural and historic preservation projects. Now in its fourteenth year, this grant program assists American Indians and Alaska Natives in protecting and promoting their unique cultural traditions.

From the beginning, the program has been shaped by Indian tribes. Tribal representatives defined "historic preservation from a tribal perspective" in a National Park Service report to Congress in 1990. *Keepers of the Treasures -- Protecting Historic Properties and Cultural Traditions on Indian Land* describes, in the words of Indian people, what they are concerned with protecting. Native language, oral history, plant and animal species important in tradition, sacred and historic places, and the establishment of tribal historic preservation offices are all part of preservation from a tribal perspective. The grants selected in Fiscal Year 2004 continue to reflect this broad range of funding needs.

Since 1990, approximately \$15.5 million has been awarded to **431** Indian and Alaska Native communities. In Fiscal Year 2004, a total of \$531,944 is being awarded to 15 communities for a broad range of historic preservation projects. The projects selected for funding are summarized below.

## **GRANT SELECTION PROCESS**

Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, and Native Hawaiian organizations were invited to submit grant applications to support historic preservation projects and promote the continuation of living cultural traditions.

The application guidelines listed five major categories of eligible activities for Historic Preservation Fund grants: locating and identifying cultural resources, preserving a historic property listed on the National Register, preservation planning, oral history and documenting cultural traditions, and education and training projects in historic and cultural preservation.

Grant applications and application guidelines were mailed in December 2003 to the chief elected officials of all Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, Native Hawaiian organizations, and to others on a mailing list of over 1,400 individuals and organizations. In all, 101 proposals were received requesting approximately \$3.9 million.

Panels of experts who met in Washington, D.C. April 27, 2004, evaluated each application. Panel members are listed below.

## **GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS**

Reviewers were asked to consider the following in evaluating applications:

1. How does this project address a critical cultural or historic preservation issue for the tribe?
2. Are the project objectives, activities, and desired results (products) well designed, thought-through, and achievable?
3. Will qualified people carry out the project?
4. Is the project budget clear and reasonable?
5. Is there demonstrable commitment to this project by the tribe?
6. What is the lasting impact on and benefit to the tribe if the project is successfully completed?

## **FISCAL YEAR 2004 GRANTS SELECTION PANEL PARTICIPANTS**

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**Fiscal Year 2004 Historic Preservation Fund Grants to  
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Tribe [State]	Amount
Bridgeport Indian Community (CA)	\$ 37,875
Chitimacha Tribe (LA)	\$ 37,892
Coeur d'Alene Tribe (ID)	\$ 34,418
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (AZ)	\$ 37,892
Hula Preservation Society (HI)	\$ 37,882
Ka Molokai Makahiki, Inc. (HI)	\$ 37,544
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Indians (WI)	\$ 37,892
Northern Arapaho Tribe (WY)	\$ 19,797
Penobscot Indian Nation (ME)	\$ 37,870
Pueblo of Isleta (NM)	\$ 37,892
Samish Indian Nation (WA)	\$ 35,000
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe (WA)	\$ 32,500
Table Bluff Reservation (CA)	\$ 56,840
Table Mountain Rancheria (CA)	\$ 16,000
Yurok Tribe (CA)	\$ 34,650
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$531,944</b>

**FY 2004 Project Descriptions  
Historic Preservation Fund Grants**

**Arizona**

Tribe: **Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation**  
Project Title: **Kewevkapaya Cultural Site Survey**  
Grant Award: **\$37,892.00**  
Description: Assemble inventories of traditional cultural properties of archaeological and historical sites important to the Fort McDowell Yavapai people. The resulting GIS information, databases, audio tapes and archival records will provide a framework for preservation planning at a time when the tribe is confronting intensive development on and around its reservation.

**California**

Tribe: **Bridgeport Indian Community**  
Project Title: **Remembering Who We Are: Building a Paiute Traditional Plant Trail**  
Grant Award: **\$37,875**  
Description: Preserve and share cultural plant knowledge by creating a Traditional Plant Trail on Tribal land. Document traditional uses of native plants by interviewing knowledgeable Elders. Prepare a poster for distribution to tribal members explaining traditional plant uses.

Tribe: **Table Bluff Reservation**  
Project Title: **Tuluwat Village Midden Protection Project, Indian Island, Eureka**  
Grant Award: **\$56,840.00**  
Description: Protect the Tuluwat Village midden, a National Historic Landmark, from erosion caused by boat wakes, windwaves, tides and currents. Install 500 feet of fiberglass sheet piling as a footing for a bio-engineering control revetment utilizing native soils and plants to further stabilize and conceal the new structure.

Tribe: **Table Mountain Rancheria**  
Project Title: **Making Memories Count: Perserving Past Oral History for the Future**  
Grant Award: **\$16,000.00**  
Description: Continue archival efforts documenting the oral history and cultural traditions of the Gashowu, Chuckchansi an Choinumni Yokuts of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Prepare new multi-media recordings of at least three Elders and edit previously recorded materials.

Tribe: **Yurok Tribe**  
Project Title: **Yurok Coastal Resources, Sites, and Traditional Uses Oral History Project**  
Grant Award: **\$34,650.00**  
Description: Conduct an oral history project on the traditional Yurok resource use along the Pacific coast that provided abundant marine and coastal resources to supplement the riverine resources of the Klamath River. Acquire valuable information regarding traditional uses of coastal and marine resources during 40 interviews and site visits, and make that information searchable and useable by creating a geo-referenced index.

## **Hawaii**

Tribe: **Hula Preservation Society**  
Project Title: **The Preservation of Hawai'i's Native Storytelling**  
Grant Award: **\$37,882.00**  
Description: Preserve and share traditional knowledge surrounding hula, the unique form of storytelling, through oral histories with selected hula elders and community presentations featuring Hula Masters sharing traditions taught to them by their elders. Document the sessions using videotape and photographs, create a multi-media database for each elder and identify specific segments to be included in resources shared online via HPS's website and the Online Hula Library.

Tribe: **Ka Molokai Makahiki, Inc.**  
Project Title: **Survey of Traditional Cultural Properties at the Na'iwa Makahiki Grounds**  
Grant Award: **\$37,544**  
Description: Identify all traditional cultural properties located at the Na'iwa Makahiki Grounds, the site of a festival that included athletic events, religious ceremonies to Lono, and a prohibition of war. A reconnaissance survey of 60 acres will be conducted to locate and inventory sites, record locations using GPS, assess the condition of the sites and formulate treatment recommendations for preservation and management planning purposes.

## **Idaho**

Tribe: **Coeur d'Alene Tribe**  
Project Title: **Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Name-Places Geographic Information Systems Project**  
Grant Award: **\$34,418.00**  
Description: Map culturally significant sites based upon a data set created by Dr. Roderick Sprague in the early 1990s and add new information to the tribal GIS system. Record audio, video and still photos of tribal Elders describing the importance of the sites in both English and Coeur d'Alene languages.

## **Louisiana**

Tribe: **Chitimacha Tribe**  
Project Title: **Historic Preservation Training for the Chitimacha and Other NAHI Tribes**  
Grant Award: **\$37,892.00**  
Description: Provide training onsite to Chitimacha employees and other Native American Historic Initiative (NAHI) member tribes on preservation law, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Native Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and the Archaeological Resources Preservation Act (ARPA).

## **Maine**

Tribe: **Penobscot Indian Nation**  
Project Title: **Testing Joseph Treat: A Survey of Documented 19<sup>th</sup> Century Penobscot Encampments**  
Grant Award: **\$37,870.00**  
Description: Conduct archaeological surveys of islands where native settlements were documented by Joseph Treat in 1820 and are now reservation lands of the Penobscot Indian Nation. Identify Penobscot encampments, assess the accuracy of Treat's documentation, re-evaluate archaeological sensitivity levels of those islands, develop a management plan for identified sites, and educate tribal members about early 19<sup>th</sup> century life among the Penobscots.

## **New Mexico**

Tribe: **Pueblo of Isleta**  
Project Title: **St. Augustine Restoration Project**  
Grant Award: **\$37,892.00**  
Description: Assess the condition of the St. Augustine Church which was established in approximately 1613, and evaluate weaknesses in the overall structure, roof leaks, erosion, and the lack of a solid foundation. Develop plans and specifications for repairing and preserving the church providing a work plan for the restoration and preservation of this structure.

## **Washington**

Tribe: **Samish Indian Nation**  
Project Title: **Samish Cultural Traditions: Documenting and Preserving the Audio-Visual Collections**  
Grant Award: **\$35,000.00**  
Description: Hire and train a Records Technician to assist in the creation of an index and catalog of an extensive collection of audio-visual materials of historic and cultural significance. The materials will be duplicated to assure preservation of this valuable information.

Tribe: **Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe**  
Project Title: **Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe Archaeological Project**  
Grant Award: **\$32,500**  
Description: Identify, record and protect cultural resources within the Sauk, Suiattle, and Stillaguamish River basins. Data from recorded sites will be used to develop cultural resource management plans within the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, the North Cascades National Park and Skagit and Snohomish Counties as well as monitor forest practices on lands controlled by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and private timber lands.

### **Wisconsin**

Tribe: **Lac Courtes Oreilles Band of Ojibwe Indians**  
Project Title: **Gathering Stories from Lac Courtes Oreilles Tribal Elders and Community Members**  
Grant Award: **\$37,892.00**  
Description: Create a series of audio recordings featuring oral histories of Elders and community members which will include biographical information and historical and cultural topics associated with the four seasons. Recordings will be selected for use by the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Community College Native American Studies Department and for broadcast on the tribal public broadcasting station.

### **Wyoming**

Tribe: **Northern Arapaho Tribe**  
Project Title: **Northern Arapaho Knowledge of the Natural World of Colorado**  
Grant Award: **\$19,797.00 (plus \$2,703 from FY 2003 funds)**  
Description: Produce a series of at least five educational CD-ROMS documenting the Northern Arapaho traditional culture in Colorado and to contribute cultural information to a public education website. Provide training for the Arapaho young people in digital and multi-media skills and document place-names, plants, animals, stories and history unique to the Colorado area during a visit by Elders and youth to the Rocky Mountain National Park vicinity.



Hualapai Nation (AZ)	\$ 56,840
Organized Village of Kake (AK)	\$ 17,500
Pueblo of Jemez (NM)	\$ 32,500
Pueblo of Zuni (NM)	\$ 25,260
Northern Arapaho Tribe (WY)	\$ 2,703

#### **Alaska**

Tribe: **Organized Village of Kake**  
 Project Title: **Kake Cannery Emergency Repairs**  
 Grant Award: **\$17,500.00**  
 Description: Make emergency repairs to the roof, structural elements of the walls, decking and X bracing of the Kake Cannery Complex which consists of four main warehouses and other support buildings.

Tribe: **Hualapai Nation**  
 Project Title: **Assess and Stabilize Truxton Canon Indian Boarding School Building**  
 Grant Award: **\$56,840.00**  
 Description: Execute Phase II of the long-term, multi-phase plan to rehabilitate the Truxton Canon Indian Boarding School. Prepare a building structures report and repair and reinforce the first floor, second floor and roof structure.

Tribe: **Pueblo of Jemez**  
 Project Title: **Protecting and Preserving Sacred Jemez Places: The Jemez Documentation Project**  
 Grant Award: **\$32,500.00**  
 Description: Document Jemez traditional cultural properties (TCPs) on federal lands in New Mexico and southwestern Colorado. Jemez will hire a TCP Project Manager, conduct interviews with Elders regarding the locations and nature of Jemez TCPs, conduct in-field reconnaissance surveys documenting the condition of sites, and collate information in a GIS database which will be used to make informed decisions to ensure preservation of Jemez TCPs.

Tribe: **Pueblo of Zuni**  
 Project Title: **Village of the Great Kivas Preservation Project**  
 Grant Award: **\$25,260.00**  
 Description: Document and evaluate the extent of damage that has occurred to the Village of the Great Kivas and implement reparable measures, and implement a preservation strategy that will eliminate impacts to the site and maintain long-term security and protection of the site.

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Project Title:	<b>Northern Arapaho Knowledge of the Natural World of Colorado</b>
Grant Award:	<b>\$2,703.00 (plus \$19,797 from FY 2004 funds)</b>
Description:	Produce a series of at least five educational CD-ROMS documenting the Northern Arapaho traditional culture in Colorado and to contribute cultural information to a public education website. Provide training for the Arapaho young people in digital and multi-media skills and document place-names, plants, animals, stories and history unique to the Colorado area during a visit by Elders and youth to the Rocky Mountain National Park vicinity.